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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on March 18, 1994, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (Amended) A face sealing fitting comprising a gasket and at least one tubular member, said tubular member having an inner diameter and an annular sealing bead projecting from a radial end wall of said tubular member, the annular sealing bead having, in axial cross section, a rounded outer profile shaped and positioned to engage said gasket to form a high pressure seal, and a rectilinear inner profile defining an open passageway within said tubular member adjacent to said gasket, whereby any dead volume in said fitting is minimized when a sealing condition exists in said fitting. [The face seal fitting according to claim 19,] wherein said gasket has an inner beveled section defining an annular beveled surface facing toward an axis of said gasket, an outer section, and, in a relaxed condition, an inner diameter smaller

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